

## 2005 Conference Report



The Utah Commission on Volunteers hosted the 2005 Utah Conference on Service: Inspire by Example on May 5 at the Davis Conference Center in Layton. Approximately 270 attendees and representatives of volunteer service organizations from across the state attended the conference to discuss the current issues in service and volunteerism.

The day began with addresses from Lt. Governor Gary Herbert and Dr. JoAnn Seghini, Mayor of Midvale. After their inspiring remarks, conference participants were able to attend breakout sessions.

Some of the best presenters in Utah joined us this year to share their knowledge about the latest trends and ideas in service-learning, national service, volunteer and community service partnerships, homeland security, and volunteer management. Survey evaluations indicate some of the most popular workshops included "How to Lose a Volunteer in 10 Days," and "Mobilizing the Community."

Other featured speakers/presenters at the conference included: Linda Dunn, Executive Director of Utah Campus Compact; Robert Higgins, Executive Director Utah Commission on Volunteers; Rick Crawford, Pacific Area Manager CNCS; and CeeCee Molineaux, Corporation for National and Community Service.

The Volunteer Achievement Awards Luncheon was held in conjunction with the conference. Seven Utah individuals, groups and programs were honored for their involvement and commitment to service. The event was hosted by Kimberly Perkins, from KJZZ TV's "Profiles in Caring" and Robert Higgins, Executive Director of Utah Commission on Volunteers. The following award recipients were honored:

### *2005 Volunteer Achievement Awards*

Charlene Johnson - Lt. Governor's Civic Volunteer of the Year

Sydney Hackford - Volunteer Administrator of the Year  
 Questar Volunteers - Corporate Volunteer Program of the Year

WabiSabi - Nonprofit Volunteer Program of the Year  
 Ice Angelzz - Youth Service Utah Award, Group  
 Don Willie - Youth Service Utah Award, Individual  
 Carrie Wyler - Utah AmeriCorps Member of the Year

The conference ended on a high note, with Pamela Atkinson giving the closing keynote address.

"The 2005 Utah Conference on Service was a great success," said Robert W. Higgins, Executive Director of the Utah Commission on Volunteers. "I left the conference inspired to accomplish more, and hope that all those attending did as well."